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## WHY HARDING "WONT DEBATE"

The big national committee in various independent democracies in fiery manner the Democratic invitation for a joint debate between Cox and Senator Harding as "absurd and ridiculous" and a wholesale loss of their qualifications to show their readiness for such an "outrageous proposal."

One of the most recent men this country has produced in late years returned in speaking of debates, that Abraham Lincoln did not deem it beneath his dignity to meet Stephen A. Douglas on the platform with the American people for an audience, nor did Douglas fear to cross swords with as formidable an opponent.

Senator Harding is a famed orator. Four years ago he was chosen by his party to deliver the keynote speech in his national convention. He has made oratory his profession. Governor Cox on the other hand, is a business man and farmer, a stranger to the champagne circuits, with none of his oris and wiles of the trained rhetorician in his equipment. But he has a profound belief in the justice of his cause and the courage to defend it against all comers.

And there is the real reason for the cry of "outrageous" when a debate is suggested.

Senator Harding, amiable gentleman that he is, meets Robert Burns' definition of "a doublet up nothing" so far as the supreme issue of this campaign is concerned. He is a woodcock with a head as big as a barrel and a body as small as a pin. He is a weather-vane—a bewildered puppet, anxious to please himself at the disposal of irreconcilable forces in his own party.

In a debate Senator Harding could not be pro-league and anti-league at the same time.

He could not be both for and against a separate peace with Germany.

He could not be for a policy of equity, and opposed to such a policy. As a matter of fact he could not be for anything, for there is no dispute

policy for which he dares take a clear and definite stand.

Therefore he could not face a clear-headed and courageous opponent like Governor Cox in debate. The suggestion, as the republican national committee declares, is absurd and ridiculous.

It would be equally absurd and ridiculous for the men and women of the United States to choose as a mud-died and weak-willed "leader" to sit in the presidential chair during the four years, laden with responsibility and opportunity, that lie ahead.

## EVEN ROOT HELPS PEDDLE THE LIE

It might not seem so bad or sound so bad to hear an ordinary person lift so desperately with the truth as to descend finally to common plain lying, but when the lying bug kisses the man whom we have respected and looked upon as our greatest, it is doubly shocking and disappointing.

This paper is now referring directly to Elihu Root, who also refuses to tell the truth, along with many of the common herd, for as the leading legal adviser of the great vested interests that are seeking to regain control of the government he joins with Harding in deliberately misrepresenting the facts of the league controversy.

In his New York speech Tuesday night he said: "Mr. Wilson insisted upon the treaty absolutely unchanged." Had Wilson been willing to accept reservations, he said, the treaty would have been ratified.

The known facts are the evidence that Elihu Root speaks falsely.

President Wilson did accept changes. He accepted changes in the covenant proposed by Root himself, as well as other changes proposed by Taft and Hughes and Wickersham, all eminent republican leaders, and secured their incorporation in the revised covenant. This is a matter of public record.

And when the covenant, as finally agreed upon at Paris after changes were made, was submitted to the senate, President Wilson agreed to accept the five Hitchcock reservations.

Senator Hitchcock's reservations covered these points:

- 1.—The right of any member nation to be the sole judge as to whether its obligations on retirement from the league have been performed.
- 2.—The exemption from the consideration of the league of any matter considered in international law a domestic question, or any one relating from its internal or domestic affairs.
- 3.—Nothing in the league is to be construed as impairing the principle of the Monroe doctrine.
- 4.—The advice mentioned in Article Ten to be merely advice which each member nation is free to accept or reject, and in the United States this advice can only be accepted by action of congress under our constitution.
- 5.—The equalization of the "tax to one vote" in the assembly.

On February 7, 1920, in a letter to Senator Hitchcock, President Wilson wrote:

"I am happy to add, therefore, I have once more gone over the reservations proposed by yourself, the copy of which I return herewith, and I am glad to say that I can accept them as they stand."

In the face of this letter, which was made public by Senator Hitchcock at the time, how can Root say, now can Harding say, that "Mr. Wilson insisted upon the treaty absolutely unchanged?"

The republican senators voted against accepting the Hitchcock reservations, though the president was willing to accept them; and now the republican campaign is based on the statement that the president, by his "unyielding" attitude, was responsible for the defeat of the treaty!

It is a campaign of hypocrisy as well as of falsehood. It is an affront to the intelligence of Americans, and an insult to its conscience. Not all the books and Taffs and Wickershams and Hughes in the country can give it respectable standing before the bar of an aroused and enlightened public opinion.

## BUT NOAH DID NOT STOP

In one of his speeches made Tuesday, Henry Cabot Lodge in deriding the League of Nations said:

"This argument that opposition to this league means that we are against any league or against the peace of the world is the most preposterous statement ever made. The great and beautiful cause of peace is not laid up within the four corners of the ill-omened thing Mr. Wilson brought back from Paris."

When Noah had worked four or five months on the ark some of the village wits came down to the river bank, found a shady seat under the sycamore and began to make sportive remarks about his vessel. They objected to its proportions; they said it looked top-heavy, and that they wouldn't trust themselves out in it in a heavy dew. Noah observed that it looked like rain.

When it appeared that there was only one door and one window the critics under the sycamore were riotous in their merriment. How did Noah think he was going to get out of it in case of fire? And did he intend to lock himself and his family up in that ill-omened thing along with

a lot of animals, some of whom had seven votes to his one—animals whose ideals were not his and never could be? Noah merely remarked that he thought a spell of weather might be expected, and that when it came he intended to be in out of the wet.

Therewith some of the more touchy of his neighbors said that it was preposterous to assert that they didn't know enough to get in out of the rain, or that they were against any ark merely because they were not suited by this particular ill-omened thing that Noah was constructing. They didn't think much of Noah as a weather prophet, but if it should start to rain they would hopefully approach one another and assemble the best minds of the nation for the building of an ark which should be designed on the proper principles. But Noah, by that time, was pounding in another spike and heard no more; so the rest of their argument has been lost to posterity. We could have used almost any kind of ark in the last week of July, 1914.

## PASSING STRANGE, ISN'T IT?

In his speech in the Auditorium at Kansas City the night of the afternoon that he spoke in St. Joseph, Senator Harding boastingly declared that: "When I am president we will have a congress that functions."

Now this is mighty good as far as it goes, senator, but basing an opinion on his record of the past, and the shameful attitude of a handful of willful senators who have delayed and defeated legislation for peace, one wonders just how the bombastic seer after votes aims to make good his promise.

As a matter of fact, four years ago President Wilson pleaded with the voters of the country to elect men to congress who would stand by him in legislation that aimed to promote the welfare of the United States and the world. Many standpat and hide-bound politicians, holding over at that election, and others re-elected, have chosen to ignore the call of humanity in their determination to belittle the administration.

It is safe to say that congress would have "functioned," and carried out the plans of the allied powers in the matter of the peace treaty and the league of nations, if Senator Harding and some of his present hoon companions, namely Messrs. Borah, Johnson, Penrose, Lodge, Brandegee and a few others, had not stubbornly defeated every move made by President Wilson and those who favored the league.

Strange, isn't it, that Governor Coolidge, the present republican candidate for vice president, so warmly welcomed President Wilson in Boston on his return from Europe, and declared him to be a figure in history ranking with Washington, and the league to be a promise of controlling warring nations? Strange again that ex-President Taft, former Chief Justice Hughes, and Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, America's apostles of all things humane and hopeful, should have seen virtue in the league, and now, after eighteen months, it has no virtue at all, according to Candidate Harding!

Congress needs a bit of housecleaning, that the reactionaries may be swept out of control. Men in sympathy with modern needs should be elected to promote humane legislation, rather than to block all progress by throwing a monkey wrench into the works. The nation has witnessed the conduct of these willful senators since the signing of the armistice, and all open-minded citizens know exactly who has been at fault, if congress has failed to "function" in bringing world peace.

## FARMERS! "BACK TO NORMALCY"

A hundred and sixty miles north of St. Joseph lies Sioux City, Iowa—and that goodly Iowa city has a newspaper—the Journal—which is also decidedly gop in its tendencies—and has wide influence. In its issue of last Monday this gop oracle says editorially in its unequivocal support of Senator Harding:

"Whether the almost certainty of the election of a republican president is responsible for the tumble in prices may be a matter of dispute. But there can be no doubt about the fact that prices began to fall so soon as the republican victory became assured."

As to whether republican victory is assured a question may be raised. But that Wall Street believes republican victory is certain is indicated by the Wall Street betting odds of from 4 to 6 to 1 on Harding. And the harder and higher Wall Street bets on a republican victory the faster the prices of farm products fall.

Senator Harding declared, only three or four years ago, that under normal conditions a dollar a bushel is enough for wheat. The Harding campaign is for "back to normalcy." The price of wheat and corn and oats have gone down as the betting odds on Harding have gone up.

If Harding should be elected the tendency "back to normalcy" on the part of farm products will be accelerated.

And hand in hand with it will go a reduction in wages. This is the essence of the normalcy for which the republican campaign, in the hands of the Old Guard and backed by the big interests, is waged. They are horrified at the share of our national prosperity that has been enjoyed, under democratic administration, by men and women who work with their hands. They purpose a radical change, that will restore the good old conditions that prevailed in the days of Mark Hanna and William McKinley.

## WE QUIT ALL ALONG THE LINE

Having vindicated American honor by scrapping the league, Mr. Harding has proceeded to augment our national stock of honor by scrapping the treaty as far as everybody but ourselves is concerned. He denied last night that he plans a "separate" peace and in the same breath promised "a resolution declaring a state of formal peace." But you cannot simply pass a resolution saying that we are at peace with Germany. There must be conditions of peace. Senator Knox was aware of this when he made his peace resolution declare that the United States claimed for itself all the rights we enjoy under the treaty of Versailles. American honor prevents us from signing the treaty of Versailles, but not from demanding the profits of Versailles. American honor will not tolerate that the allies get away with their booty under the peace. All that American honor demands is that we take all the benefits and none of the responsibility.

Having declared formal peace with Germany, on terms guaranteed for us by the allies, Senator Harding will further vindicate American honor by recalling our boys from the Rhine. The procedure is perfectly safe. There will be plenty of French boys and Belgian boys on the Rhine to see that Germany fulfills her obligations to the United States.

Thus, in defense of our national honor, we quit all along the line. We abandon the fellowship of the nations with whom we fought the war. We abandon the fellowship of the neutral peoples who have welcomed the league of nations as the one great compensation for the world tragedy. We emancipate ourselves from the domination of France, of Britain, of Belgium. We take our stand with Lenin and the Turk.

## HARDING AND THE WAGE EARNERS

Senator Harding made a speech at Omaha a few days ago in which he took occasion to warn the wage earners that if they expect big wages they must give "100 per cent service."

It is very good advice. It is good advice not only for wage earners, but for everybody, including public officials who serve the people for a wage. Did Senator Harding himself give "100 per cent service" to the American people who pay him his salary, when, in his five years in the senate, he was absent or dodged 1,153 roll calls and quorum calls?

"The Searchlight," as the result of an investigation of Senator Harding's official records, says:

Harding probably ranks below every other senator in initiative, activity and accomplishment.

Neither his friends nor his enemies can connect his name with a single outstanding issue, good or bad.

He neither introduced nor championed even one big constructive measure.

All the bills and resolutions he introduced were local or private in character, except eight.

None of these eight exceptions were of big importance.

On every important test between capital and labor, he voted with the former.

Is "100 per cent service" to be exacted only of the wage earners, Senator Harding?

## GOV. COX AND THE FARMERS

In 1918, when the whole nation was alive to the necessity of stimulating agricultural production Governor Cox went to work to aid the Ohio farmers.

He called a meeting of tractor manufacturers and stated that he wanted them to allot at least 1,500 farm tractors for sale in Ohio. He then went to the superintendent of the state banking department and obtained letters to every banker in the state, urging financial assistance to farmers in the matter of buying tractors. He deposited \$2,000,000 of the state industrial commission funds in country banks, with a hint that they lend at least some of it to farmers buying tractors.

Governor Cox then went to the Federal Reserve bank and secured a ruling that notes given by farmers purchasing tractors be discounted on the same basis as agricultural implement paper. By these various means the farmers of Ohio were enabled to purchase in 1918 1,932 farm tractors, thus practically doubling the number in the state. This was said to be the

## THE POLITICAL POT

- Sam The Cook Closes His Stew.
- Ardship With a Most Interesting Line of Facts.

"Wednesday the democrats scored again over the peanut politics of the Snader-Morris-Crossland Republican campaign. Last week the Commerce Club had as their speaker A. M. Hyde of Trenton, the republican candidate for governor, he of the 'three ball' fame, the money lender and bonus taker of Trenton. He was invited because of his having been so highly honored by a great party, and given an opportunity to make an address to this civic non-partisan club. Of course the proprieties of the occasion would suggest to the ordinary person that the speech should not be of a partisan character, but 'Three Ball Art' shot into it all the partisanship of his small soul under the suggestions of 'Velvet tread' Snader, and 'Bee Goody' Vorhees with Morris, Crossland and Faust and Morgan, seconding the motion. The Secretary of the United States Navy was in the city, and it was suggested that the Commerce Club take advantage of the occasion and invite him to its luncheon as its guest, but such a painful look of agony on the faces of this precious bunch and their united all-together-cry of 'Oh no! no! this is Hyde's day!' settled it, and the most aggressive campaign ever waged by any governor.

There is not a dollar in any road fund in this county except the special \$2,000,000 bond fund. Does that meet with your approval, Mr. Taxpayer, and are you satisfied that Judges Sampson and Brendel have spent your money wisely and well?

By the time that men of sense read a chapter of David Lawrence, the gop alleged writer's vapors, they are ready to concede that if they read a second chapter of his rot that they will be as drizzling an idiot as he is.

While Lewis C. Gabbert was over in France looking after your boys—and staying away from his family—Charles L. Faust, who has no family, was here in St. Joseph a perfect lion of a warrior—at several pink teas.

If Cox and Roosevelt—and the full state and county Democratic ticket—is not elected next Tuesday—it will be a calamity to the nation, the state and the county—and a blow from which it will take years to recover.

The gop News-Press is now solidly supporting Judges Brendel and Sampson—the spendthrifts of the county court. Nothing more is needed to insure their defeat—than the full support of the gop News-Press.

Just because he is opposed by the News-Press county surveyor Henry L. Meyer will have a larger majority than ever. Those who are opposed by the News-Press are fortunate—for they always win.

When the colored man and brother and his dusky spouse secure that full social equality which the gops have promised them—for their votes—the white woman will have her troubles beginning.

When the gop national committee sought to get money out of such a Democrat as Tommy Wilson of this county—it made a real mistake—for it did not get the money.

Has that "explanation" which the gop end of the county court has furnished you, Mr. Taxpayer, satisfied you as to the way in which your money has been handled?

If you vote the full democratic ticket on next Tuesday, you cannot make a mistake—for it is the one which all patriotic voters should place in the ballot box.

"Pete" Price will be the next sheriff of Buchanan county—as he should be. He did his full duty for his country in its time of need.

A vote for the full Democratic ticket Tuesday will demonstrate that you are a real patriot—and true American.

McSwiney may not have done much for the cause of Irish freedom—but he certainly broke the fasting record.

A vote for Stephen K. Owen Tuesday will be a merited compliment to a deserving and competent official.

A. E. (Jim) Nash will be elected—as he should be—as he is fully qualified—and his opponent is not.

The registration is in favor of the Democrats in this city—now see that the votes are put in.

Vote for John L. Sullivan and George L. Middlekamp.

Secretary of the Navy was not invited. Now on Wednesday of this week this splendid civic club invited John M. Atkinson, the democratic nominee, to be its guest and to address them. Mr. Atkinson came and made a very pleasing and impressive speech upon non-partisan matters in which all citizens are interested, dwelling upon the good roads amendment, a new constitution for Missouri and the improvement of our school system, and never once mentioned that he was a candidate for governor. I think the business men without regard to party were very favorable impressed with Atkinson. Expressions were heard on all hands, that there was a man who could be trusted with the high office of governor and one who knew how to observe the proprieties on all occasions.

"George McIninch, St. Joseph's good roads man who has distinguished himself as a member of the state highway commission, appointed to the same by Governor Gardner, has made a hit with everybody. When Arthur Hyde, the Republican candidate for governor, spoke at the Commerce Club luncheon last week he complimented very highly this splendid appointee of Governor Gardner, and assured him that if he was governor the next term he would be reappointed to the same place, and now comes Hon. Jno. M. Atkinson, the democratic candidate for governor. In his speech at the Commerce Club luncheon this week in speaking of the good roads amendment took occasion to refer in the highest complimentary terms to the work of Mr. McIninch and gave notice that so far as he was concerned Mr. McIninch should be kept on that commission another four years. We all ought to be proud of this St. Joseph man who has won such a high place in the estimation of these two leaders of our great parties in this state.

"Wonder what is the matter with the razzle dazzle blithering News-Press that poses as so fair; oh so impartial and so independent; but always managing to trot along in the wake of the corporation and big interests like a big yellow dog under an immigrant wagon. It is for 'Three Ball Art' Hyde for governor, and while supporting this small miser proclaims it is for certain democratic candidates. I am surprised that the boys did not get on to this in time to go around and pay them something to keep off and continue to oppose them, and the democratic ticket throughout. Any paper that can make a big fuss for the League of Nations and praise the great president of this republic for two years, and then in the critical hour betray them both for a miserable Republican Senatorial Oligarchy ought to be shunned by every patriotic citizen, its support avoided, and its opposition sought. This week this organ of the campaign of hate, espouses the cause of Charles Faust and says he ought to be sent to congress. It gives the usual reason we have all heard in this campaign, that he 'is good looking'; has 'appearance' it says. Well, Charley is a pretty good fellow; I believe he will admit it himself; why Charley admires himself so much he had a cut made of a full length picture of himself and had it printed on his campaign letter heads so that every person who received a letter from him could see how pretty he is. If sure won with the News-Press. Guess they didn't receive their letter until this week. Charley ought to have sent them that letter earlier in the game; he overlooked something there sure. Charley was just as pretty during the war as he is now, and his manly form so beautiful would have graced an American uniform, but it was Lou Gabbert and others not so good looking to go to the front, while Charley basked in the sunlight of the bright days and at nights leading cotillions and posing before the admiring eyes of the throngs who could like him stay at home. The people of this district will not be fooled by the disgusting argument that a man ought to be elected because he is pretty. I think they are going to take old Lou Gabbert ugly and homely that he is; because they know he has a heart of golden value, and a brain that will shine as one of the brightest ever sent to Washington from this old district.

"The News-Press also champions the cause of Seiden P. Spencer for the United States Senate against Breckinridge Long. They want that hypocrite who has been going over this state deliberately reading to the people as the actual preamble of the League of Nations these words: 'I Woodrow Wilson, in order to promote international co-operation, etc.' when the words 'I Woodrow Wilson' do not occur anywhere in the covenant, and again he reads Article X, 'The American people undertake' instead of 'members of the League undertake.' A man who has been honored with

the high office of United States senator and then in order to be re-elected will deliberately resort to such misrepresentation is worse than a knave, and is not entitled to the respect of decent men. I never did think there was anything to this fellow since the time years ago when I saw him with a lot of other schemers despoil and ruin E. G. Lewis, the man who by his genius arose from poverty to a high place in the world, built up the Woman's magazine until it had a million subscribers and laid out and built University City, now a part of St. Louis. This man Spencer and some other St. Louis pirates saw that Lewis was making money and not dividing it up with them, and so they set about destroying him, and they succeeded in getting his bank which he had established in St. Louis placed in the hands of this fellow Spencer and he was able to hold it for eight days. It took Lewis and his attorneys just eight days to get it out of his hands, but Spencer collected \$25,000 as his fee for acting receiver for that bank eight days. Of course the virtuous goody-goody News-Press is right in now being for him to go back to the United States Senate to vote against the League of Nations which the News-Press advocated for a year and a half. He is just the right sort to represent a paper under control of an avarice haired Down Easter, but he will not get the vote of the hundreds of Missourians who believe in redeeming our pledges to the world and keeping faith with the boys who gave up their young lives on foreign fields that wars might end and peace reign over the earth.

"Dr. Crossland, colored, the selection of the By Gum Vorhees-Chuck Deal Morris, Jee-Gosh Morgan, bunch of republicans to be postmaster of St. Joseph under Harding, was called upon the carpet last week by the bunch and told to be a little milder; to play the soft pedal as to speak, on his activities in the campaign as the decent white republicans who want to see this government remain a white man's government were becoming restive; but Doc told the bunch to go-to-hell-or words to that effect; that he was running this end of the republican campaign, and now the bunch are in a tremble watching Doc's movements cautiously and like a fellow standing close to a powder can with fire playing on a fuse near by.

"Morris' little 'gizzard' takes its usual dig at Steve Owen today (Thursday). It is very much afraid Steve will not prosecute certain persons under accusation. The other day it was very much afraid Steve would prosecute certain negro women for illegal registering, and Oh! what a wail went up from the hired editor. Why! actually this great paper directed by the great Chuck Deal was greatly exalted because Steve Owen prosecuting attorney was doing his duty so well as to catch Chuck Deal's friends in illegal registering, and announce publicly he would prosecute them. Say, maybe Chuck Deal would be all right and perfectly satisfied if you will prosecute these cases and send them all to the penitentiary all before the election. That seems to be all that is the matter with him about the other cases. He seems to be put out with you because you won't abolish the constitution, chuck Judge Utz out of the window of the court house and prosecute and send these particular cases all to the penitentiary all in one day all by your lonesome. Say, Steve, let me tell you a little story; one time there was a preacher and his wife on a ship, their first time in a great storm, and as the ship came up on great waves and then would go down into the trough of the sea, the preacher thought they were lost, and went to the captain and asked him what he thought about it, and the captain said to him: 'Yonder under that hole are the sailors; as long as you can hear them cussin you need not be uneasy, but when they get right still and silent, then will be time for you to begin praying.' The preacher as the storm progressed would go and listen and as he heard the cussin still going on he would come back to his wife and say: 'Wife, thank God, they are still cussin.' When you read the morning 'Gizzard' hereafter and see that Chuck Deal's cussin, just be like the preacher and thank your lucky stars he is still cussin you.

"If anybody intimates to me again that Jim Mytton is not interested in his old party and its success, I'll hit him right between the eyes with a baseball bat. It was that prince of good fellows that inspired, and with his splendid assistance the great Daniels meeting was held in the auditorium. Wish we had a thousand such democrats in St. Joseph.

"Wonder what is the matter down at republican headquarters? Looks like they had deserted the county

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